

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On July 24, 2006, Applicants' representative, Ron Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Patel to discuss the outstanding Office Action, and particularly the art-based rejections of independent claims 1, 8 and 13. The primary reference discussed was Feierbach et al., and no exhibits were presented. During the interview, an agreement was reached to amend claims 1, 8 and 13 as follows:

- Claim 1 will be amended to add the limitations of dependent Claim 3, which will be canceled.
- Claims 1 and 8 will be amended to clarify that at least one bus line of the common set of bus lines is used to retrieve both the cache tag and the cache data. As discussed during the interview, this feature enables the microprocessor's pin count to be reduced compared to a design in which the cache tag and cache data are retrieved over separate (mutually exclusive) sets of bus lines, as in Feierbach et al.
- Claim 8 will be amended to clarify that the "first address" is different from (i.e., not the same as) the "second address." As discussed during the interview, Applicants' representative believes this limitation is inherent in the existing language of Claim 13, and that the amendment therefore does not narrow the claim's scope.

Examiner Patel indicated that these amendments would overcome the applied references, and indicated that he would conduct an updated search.